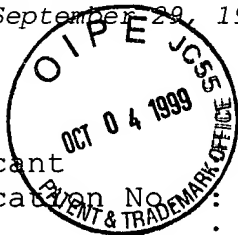


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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 9.

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

1 10. (Amended) An arrangement comprising [a plurality of
2 systems each according to any preceding claim and] a main computer
3 arranged to store a plurality of different programs, each program
4 representing a respective image, and a plurality of visual
5 information systems, each system having:
6 an array consisting of a plurality of individually and
7 selectively energizable light sources arranged in rows and columns,